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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOFFIN'S REPLY RE USE OF FRENCH
EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AS SITE FOR REFUGEE

REF: BANGKOK 6489; CAMBODIA-B NO.30

1. MORNING APRIL 18 FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOFFIN ADVISED
AMBASSADOR DEAN THAT FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE IN PARIS
HAS INFORMED ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN PHNOM PENH THAT HE IS
"FREE TO RECEIVE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY THE FOREIGN PRESS
CORRESPONDENTS WHOSE LIVES ARE IN DANGER". TOFFIN
ELABORATED THAT THIS OBVIOUSLY ALSO INCLUDED THOSE
AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WHO WISH TO SEEK REFUGE ON FRENCH
EMBASSY GROUNDS.

2. AMBASSADOR TOFFIN FURTHER SAID THAT LATEST INFORMATION
FROM PHNOM PENH IS "DISTURBING". ACCORDING TO RADIO
CONTACT WITH FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE DYRAC IN PHNOM
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PENH, MORE THAN A THOUSAND CAMBODIANS HAVE MOVED INTO

FRENCH EMBASSY IN EFFORT TO SEEK REFUGE THERE. THE
KC HAVE SURROUNDED THE FRENCH EMBASSY COMPOUND AT THE
PRESENT TIME AND THERE IS A LOT OF TURMOIL IN AREAS
WHERE FRENCH EMBASSY IS LOCATED.

3. COMMENT: AT THE PRESENT TIME WE DO NOT HAVE ANY MEANS
OF COMMUNICATING WITH PHNOM PENH, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
TO PASS ON INFORMATION SET FORTH PARA ONE TO NEWS BUREAUS
(PARTICULARLY THE WIRE SERVICES) IN WASHINGTON, WHO IN
TURN MAY BE ABLE TO CONVEY VIA TICKER GIST OF FRENCH
OFFER IN THE EVENT AMERICAN NEWSMEN IN PHNOM HOTEL OR
ELSEWHERE IN CITY WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY. WITH FRENCH EMBASSY SURROUNDED, WE WONDER
WHETHER IT IS STILL FEASIBLE FOR AMCITS TO GET THERE IF THEY
SO DESIRE.
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